

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	) <b>Group Art Unit:</b> 1732
Zhen et al.	) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: 10/038,964	)
Filed: 12/31/2001	) )
For: METHOD OF MAKING A GRADED INDEX POLYMER OPTICAL FIBER	) ) )

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

TC 1700 In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the items identified in this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") are brought to the attention of the Office. The items are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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